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(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-342518, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 1 and 3 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

(2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-175606, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The following documents are cited in an International Search Report (in Japanese and in English) with respect to PCT/JP2004/015807, a copy of which was filed concurrently with the present application.

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-101949, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-259275, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0065816 to TSUSAKA et al., which was published on May 30, 2002.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-143547, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,796,828 to TSUKAMOTO et al., which was published on August 18, 1998.
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-272286, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
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- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003--256595, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-162600, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0048907 (misidentified as 2003-

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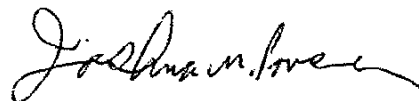
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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